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Message to the troops



Brig. Gen. Daniel Keefe

By Brig. Gen. Daniel Keefe

As we come to the end of our rotation in Kosovo, I would like to thank the men and women who have worked in MNB(E). The 1st Infantry Division has a long, proud history of mission accomplishment and the soldiers who served in Kosovo have only added to that brave history. Each and every one of you has served with dedication, and it has been an honor to serve as your commander.

Many units have made up MNB(E). The 2-2 Infantry, the 501st Mechanized Greek Battalion, the Polish-Ukrainian Battalion, and the 2-63rd Armor Battalion provided sector patrols and helped ensure a safe and secure environment. The 353rd Civil Affairs Command and the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion worked with local nationals in humanitarian efforts to help rebuild Kosovo. The 702nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company helped improve safety in Kosovo by clearing away unexploded ordnance. The 783rd Military Police Battalion has provided security. The 236th Medical Company has provided medical support to MNB(E) and local nationals within the communities.

These are only a few of the units that have comprised MNB(E) over the

past nine months. There are so many more who are not named here. However, every unit and every soldier had an important part in the success of this mission.

In addition to the 1st Infantry Division, we have received excellent support from the Army Reserve, National Guard, Air Force, International LNO's, local nationals and contractors. Everyone has contributed to this success. Now it is time for us to move on and turn the keys to MNB(E) over to the 28th Infantry Division.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the fine men and women from the 28th Infantry Division. This division has also had a long and proud history.

The 28th Infantry Division has spent the last few months training and preparing for the mission in Kosovo. I have the utmost confidence in their ability to handle the mission here and to continue the job of helping the people of Kosovo. I expect the transition between the two divisions will be seamless and that the 28th Infantry Division will not miss a beat in moving forward and continuing the assignment of providing a safe and secure environment for the people of Kosovo.

Brig. Gen. Jerry Beck, the

incoming commander for U.S. forces in Kosovo, recently served in Bosnia and is familiar with the environment and the mission here. I know he will lead MNB(E) with dedication and pride. The soldiers of the 28th Infantry Division will use their years of experience to continue the mission here and to meet every challenge with sincerity and perseverance.

As we take the final steps toward "mission complete," let us remember the knowledge we have gained from this experience. As soldiers, we have grown and matured as a result of this deployment. I wish each of you best wishes in your future assignments. "Duty First."

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Above: A soldier of Alpha Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, radios in to the tower at the gunnery on Falcon 4 June 24. Photo by Spc. Christina E. Witten.

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Left: Pfc. John Stroup keeps a watchful eye in the center of Klokot as festival goers partake in activities for the St. Peter's festival July 12. Photo by 1st Sgt. Rob Heberling.

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Finding Their Voice:

2-63 Hosts Minority Representatives Meetings

Story and Photos by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

Officers from the 2-63 Armor Battalion are leading the way to compromise and understanding in Kosovo, thanks in part to the minority representatives meetings they have hosted regularly since November, 2002.

The meetings, held in minority-populated towns, are a forum for discussing issues like security and community improvement programs.

"Initially, the meetings involved minority leaders...to talk about security issues," said 1st Lt. Gregory Tomlin, 2-63 information operations officer. "Now...we've evolved it into more than just (that). We've broadened it into basic infrastructure needs, concerns minorities have that they would like to voice to the municipal government."

When the battalion began hosting the meetings last year, 2-63 Executive Officer, Maj. Franklin Nutter, sat at the head of the table. After many months of meeting, however, 2-63 adjusted their strategy as the area stabilized. Capt. John Combs, 2-63 operations officer, went in Nutter's place. United Nations representatives started to attend as well. Now Tomlin attends as a notetaker and disseminates the information to the company level.

"When it really was predominantly a security meeting, it made sense for KFOR to be there and run the meeting," explained Tomlin. "But as we've shifted away from that...we've said (to the representatives), 'If you're going to talk about (other) issues, we don't need to run the meeting

anymore. You do.'"

In previous minority representatives meetings, Zoran Marinkovic, the Kosovar-Serb leader of Binac, had complained about his community's unfinished water project and requested either KFOR or the U.N. finish it.

In a May 21 meeting in the predominantly Serbian town of Vrbovac, Marinkovic once again shared that the water project wasn't completed and requested KFOR's help. The meeting leadership shifted the discussion's focus and pointed the minority representatives away from U.S. involvement.

"We were able to say, 'This is not a Serb issue, this is not an Albanian issue, this is a community issue,'" Tomlin explained.

Mikhail Krasnoschekov, the U.N. Mission in Kosovo representative at the meeting, explained that KFOR and UNMIK should be backup, and the municipality must correct the problem.

Marinkovic finally agreed to see the water system fall under the responsibility of a single Non-Governmental Organization and said the community members were willing to pay for it.

"It's what we're aiming for," Tomlin said. "We've been playing the middle man...and we want them to go directly to the municipal government if they've got an issue."

Tomlin said that the transfer from KFOR to civil authority is one of the goals of these meetings, and since 2-63 switched to a more municipal focus, much progress

Left: Mikhail Krasnoschekov, (left) community officer, and Capt. James Dunwoody, Task Force 2-63's new information operations officer, listen to concerns at a minority representatives meeting in Vrbovac July 2.

Below: 1st Lt. Gregory Tomlin, outgoing Task Force 2-63 information operations officer, takes notes at a minority representatives meeting in Vrbovac July 2.



“This is not a Serb issue, this is not an Albanian issue, this is a community issue.”

1st Lt. Gregory Tomlin

has been made. Battalion leadership has been able to share the table with representatives from many NGO's such as the Red Cross, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, and Kosovo Protection Service.

The 2-63 is not planning to exit the meetings altogether, but hopes that soon their leadership will attend as participants instead of managers. And eventually, Tomlin added, they hope the meetings won't be needed at all.

“The ultimate goal...is we shouldn't have to have that meeting if they feel comfortable enough going directly to local department directors and the municipal assembly,” Tomlin said, adding that they will continue to guide the representatives until that point. “Then we'll be able to say, ‘we've already explained this problem. We've already showed you what you need to do. You can handle this on your own.’”

What YOU Can do to Help Earth



- After meals in either dining facility, always place your empty soda cans in the recycling bins next to the tray carts.
- Have your office collect empty cans.
- Instruct your cleaning staff not to throw away bags of empty cans.
- Drop off your cans in wooden bins labeled **“Aluminum Cans Only”** behind the north dining facility.

New Look for Local Hotspot

**Story and Photo by
Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson**

CAMP MONTEITH, Kosovo — A popular hotspot returned to Camp Monteith June 29 as soldiers and civilian workers gathered together to welcome back a friend.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service-sponsored cappuccino bar had its grand reopening. Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Mundt, acting Commanding General of Multi-National Brigade (East), was on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome back the facility and its staff.

"It's all part of bringing a little bit of America to (the soldiers) so that they can enjoy the same things that the folks at home can enjoy," Mundt said.

The cappuccino bar started out in a General Purpose medium tent. A year later it was transferred to a GP large tent where it served the soldiers of Camp Monteith until June 12. The new facility consists of a "cormex" building acquired from the closing of Camp Magrath.

The soldiers use the facility as a social gathering place where they can relax and talk about their days in Kosovo, play card games, or just listen to the music.

According to Mundt, the soldiers are serving as ambassadors to the civilian workers on the camp.

"We have a lot of local nationals that are working here on post," he said. "They see these facilities. They see the ability of everybody to come, sit, and enjoy themselves together."

According to Sgt. 1st Class Duane A. Dodson, Camp Monteith's combat stress control non-commissioned officer in charge, the cappuccino bar also provides soldiers a place to relieve stress.

"(The bar) gives them a place to relax and talk to other people who have been through what they are going through. It gives them a good therapeutic relationship to help them get through day by day," Dodson said.

According to Brett A. McCormick, service business man-



Pfc. Richard D. Chance, SAW gunner with Charlie Company, 2-2 Infantry throws a frisbee through an innertube to earn a free soda as part of the grand reopening festivities of the newly remodeled cappuccino bar on Camp Monteith June 29.

ager for AAFES, the renovated establishment offers more than coffee and cappuccino. "We have frappuccino, juice, soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade, and we're working on slushies," said McCormick. Other new offerings at the business include milk shakes and root beer floats.

McCormick hopes to have bands come and entertain the troops outside the cappuccino bar. He states the largest draw to the business is a more relaxed environment.

According to Area Support Team

Commander, Maj. Matthew Fisher, the renovation of the cappuccino bar is only part of a planned expansion project. The expansion is scheduled to include a food court that will add pizza to the items available. In addition to the food court, the shops located in Stryker Hall will be moved to a more accessible location.

The reopening of the cappuccino bar is the first step in a plan aimed at keeping the morale of the troops high, while they keep Kosovo safe and secure.

Telecommunications Logistics Center

Right: Harris shows the convenient new storage units at the Telecommunications Logistics Center. Harris was lead investigator for submitting findings and making recommendations for revamping the facility.

Story by Capt. Lora Neal
Photos by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

Camp Bondsteel's Telecommunications Logistics Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its grand opening 1 July. Distinguished guests included Area Support Group Commander Col. McKinley Collins Jr., HHC, 3rd Brigade G-6 Maj. Kevin Withee, Deputy G-6 121st Signal Battalion Cpt. Lillian Mongan, Property Book administrator Gary Hinman, and Logistics/Supply Specialist Gary Harris.

Withee said "I think this is awesome," regarding the new facility. "It was three old tents when we started. These guys over-achieved."

Now the center boasts climate-controlled storage to house the sensitive items necessary for keeping the soldiers at Bondsteel in e-mail, telephones, and SINCGARS.

Collins said this was clearly a quality of life issue for those who work in the center. Surveying the sight Withee smiled, "I'm just living the dream. Each day, I'm living the dream."



Below: Hinman takes a moment to show visitors the Class IX storage on Camp Bondsteel July 1.



A Matter of Life and Death

**Story and Photos by
Staff Sgt. Ken Petzold**

How many people would put their life in the hands of a 24-year-old stranger? Probably nobody, yet scores of soldiers and even some noted celebrities have unknowingly done this.

Sgt. Thomas Hash, crew chief and flight instructor for Bravo Company 2-1 Aviation Regiment, has the responsibility of making sure the Blackhawk he flies in and its passengers have a safe flight. This is a responsibility he does not take lightly.

"We live by the books," said Hash in referring to how he and the other crew chiefs go about preparing

their "Hawks" for flight. It takes 26 Technical Manuals to properly maintain the aircraft according to Hash. While this may seem like an all day job to prepare the Blackhawk for flight, it takes the experienced crew chief and an assistant about an hour to properly have the "birds" ready for their mission.

After a general overview, the crew chief takes fuel samples, checks fluid levels and examines what looks like a jungle of cables and lines. Each step is covered with a life and death attitude. Even the cockpit windshields are carefully cleaned. Nothing is left to chance for these professionals of the air.

The pre-flight inspection looks

for more than mechanical deficiencies. Foreign objects such as loose cotter pins, twigs, pine needles, or anything else equally small is a potential hazard.

While the crew chiefs do an outstanding job of preparing the Blackhawk for flight, the pre-flight is not yet over. The pilots now take their turn peering into all the compartments, again looking for anything that could lead to in-flight problems. They literally cover the Blackhawk from head to tail.

The crew chiefs have been on the job for three hours before the Blackhawk is ready for flight. "Most people think, 'They fly, they fly that's all they do.' But we do so much more," Hash said.



Doing much more requires training, and this is an on-going and essential part of a crew chief's life. The soldier is not qualified to be a crew chief even after an 18 to 20 week Blackhawk repairman's school. It takes an experienced crew chief weeks of intensive on-the-job training to qualify a replacement.

The intensity covers more than technical knowledge. "A crew chief is trained to see everything and coordinate with the rest of the crew," Hash said. A flight is not a "joy ride" but an exercise in constant vigilance of the Blackhawk, the crew, and the airspace they're flying through.

This vigilance is not something to be taken lightly. A four-hour flight can wear you out like a normal 16-hour day on the ground, according to 1st Sgt. Jean P. Thomas, first sergeant for Bravo Company 2-1 Aviation Regiment.

Even though a crew chief may feel worn-out after a day of flying missions, his job is not close to being over. After the pilots leave the aircraft, the crew chiefs start a one to three hour post flight inspection, which includes page upon page of maintenance, operational forms and records to complete.

The crew chief has a thankless job in many ways. He puts in long and often lonely hours to ensure his Blackhawk and its crew can complete its mission. But as Hash said, "It's still the coolest job in the Army."



Above: 1st Lt. Angelica Ontiveros, Blackhawk pilot for Bravo Company 2-1 Aviation Regiment, performs her inspection of the tail section following up after the crew chief's checks.



Left: Pfc. Benjamin Alonso and 1st Sgt. Jean Thomas, both of Bravo Company 2-1 Aviation, carefully watch their Blackhawk during pre-flight checks.

Garbage In, Compost Out



Workers break open a box of sewage sediment to place on the windrows on the southwest corner of Camp Bondsteel. The sediment will help produce highly fertile compost usable for erosion control on Camp Bonsteel.



Maj. Bill Gatewood directs a machine to lift a large box of sewage sediment to dump on the compost windrows in the southwest corner of Camp Bondsteel.

Story and photos by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

The windrow compost test site on the south-west corner of Camp Bondsteel, now past the halfway mark in a 12-week trial run, is progressing well according to Maj. Bill Gatewood, Engineer Operations Officer with the 412th Engineer Command.

The site, jokingly referred to as "Funky Town" by many soldiers on camp, has moved past its fresh earth and ripe smell to become a successful producer of quality compost.

This is good news to Gatewood, who helped create the test site and recently proposed a permanent compost facility to Task Force Falcon's Area Support Group.

"Everything right now is indicating success," Gatewood said. "We know that by the end, all the sewage (sediment) will be consumed, the hydrocarbon-contaminated soil will be remediated, and the finished product will be a highly-fertile soil that can be used for erosion control (on Camp Bondsteel)."

The test project has gone so well, in fact, that Gatewood intends to travel to Bosnia to propose a compost site there. He hopes the success of these two sites will change the way the Army looks at waste management when it sets up new forward-deployed areas, such as in Iraq.

"Garbage is piling up fast (in the Middle East) and waste water treatment plants aren't working well. (Engineers) ... need fast ways and economic methods to deal with it all," Gatewood said.

"When we find success here and in Bosnia with (the project), we hope the next Red Book [of Army operations] will contain standards for windrow composting for all Army contingency plans," he continued.

Gatewood said windrow composting is an economical and environmentally friendly waste management tool for contingency operations because it keeps the Army from overloading an already broken infrastructure. It also prevents pollution in local dumps and teaches locals a sustainable and economical waste management system. The proposed site at Bondsteel would save more than \$1 million over three years, even after the earth-moving and compost equipment is purchased. Much of the cost-reduction comes from fewer landfill hauls, lowered incinerator costs, and less sewage sediment handling.

This method of composting is also portable. No asphalt or concrete will be laid during the construction of the proposed ten-acre facility.

"All we have to do when Bondsteel closes is take the compost and spread it, and walk away," Gatewood explained.

At the end of the 12-week trial, the compost is scheduled to be laid in highly erosive areas on Bondsteel first, because new sod means less dust.

Gatewood was excited to announce ASG was convinced of the merits of compost and accepted the new facility proposal July 17.

"We will be completely successful," concluded Gatewood. "Windrow composting is a good fit for the current waste management problems at Camp Bondsteel."

Patrolling the Kosovo Nights



Patrol commander, Sgt. Jaroslaw Gil, 3rd Platoon, 2nd Company, POLUKRBAT, inspects a vehicle during a routine temporary traffic checkpoint in the village Dragomac.

Story and photo by Spc. Christina E. Witten

KACANIK, Kosovo — The Polish-Ukrainian Battalion infantrymen on the July 10 night patrol in the Kacanik Municipality wore the stern, yet compassionate, gaze of soldiers. Full of honor and pride, nine sets of eyes formed a perfect line, while watching their patrol commander intently. Sgt. Jaroslaw Gil, 3rd Platoon, 2nd Company, POLUKRBAT, briefed them on the night's upcoming events, responsibilities and concerns.

"In the briefing, exact instructions were given to the soldiers," explained Sgt. Andrzej Debrowolski, 2nd Platoon, 2nd Company, POLUKRBAT infantryman. "Each soldier must know exactly his task. He must know what to do during this patrol."

Gil spoke very highly of his soldiers, stating "I can rely on each soldier because they are very well trained,

and they are very good specialists in their fields."

Safety was of the utmost concern, bearing in mind the rough roads, darkness, land mine hazards, and possible hostile fire that lie before them. Weapons, bullet-proof vests, helmets and ID cards were all checked prior to leaving the protective gates of Camp White Eagle and setting out on the journey into the rugged mountains along the border of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Upon arriving at the border, POLUKRBAT soldiers met with Kosovo Police Service officers to continue the joint patrol.

"Sometimes they need us, and sometimes we need them. It is an example for the people here that KFOR and police are cooperating," stated Capt. Rafal Puchala, POLUKRBAT Chief of Civil Affairs.

There is "very good cooperation" between the POLUKRBAT and the KPS, said Darrell Wetherbee, D team leader, KPS officer. "They are our security. They are the ones that go up here in the mountains where all the mines are and catch the illegal border crossers. They are a great help, and they are obviously our firepower if we come across bad guys," Wetherbee explained.

POLUKRBAT soldiers and their KPS counterparts split into two vehicle convoys and patrolled the area. As the vehicles departed, concealed by the foliage of the mountainous environment, three soldiers set up an observation post at a location where smugglers frequently attempt to cross the border.

POLUKRBAT soldiers regularly visit the area at varying hours of the day. "Sometimes we're at an observation post all day, and there is nothing," explained Rodycz, "and sometimes we can sit in the bushes for fifteen minutes and catch somebody. We caught three people two days ago when they tried to cross the border illegally."

Without incident on either convoy, POLUKRBAT soldiers gathered to set up a temporary traffic checkpoint.

"At the check point, each soldier has a special task," explained Debrowolski. "We must be sure that they don't have any weapons or [contraband]," explained Dobrowolski. "We catch a lot of people here who deal with smuggling."

People "smuggle because they are very poor. Here there is poverty and unemployment. They don't have any work, and they have their families, so they smuggle, and we have to catch them," Dobrowolski said.

Driving back to Camp White Eagle, Dobrowolski commented on the night's patrol saying, "It was a routine patrol. This is a very big zone. We can't be everywhere at the same time, and we aren't able to catch everyone who crosses the border illegally, but from time to time we manage to do it."

The mission gives the soldiers satisfaction.

"We are very proud of ourselves because we can prevent smuggling," Rodycz concluded. "This job helps people in Kosovo because the people feel very safe when they can see us."



Left: Spc. Craig Kunkel, a Charlie Company 2-2 Infantry Battalion gunner, places the feeder on the 25 mm cannon of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle as part of his pre-fire checks during the night phase of a Table Seven Gunnery June 25. The task is made difficult by the heavy weight of the feeder, cramped space of the turret, and low light conditions. Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson.

Right: Soldiers of Charlie Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, preparing their Bradley Fighting Vehicles for engagement at the gunnery on Falcon 4 June 25. Photo by Spc. Christina E. Witten.

Bradley Fighting Men Take

Story by Spc. Christina E. Witten

The parched, summer air captured the energizing sound of Bradley M2s on Range Falcon 4 June 24, 25 and 26 as Alpha and Charlie Companies, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, spent the hours of light and darkness improving their proficiency with the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Evaluating an analysis of their last gunnery in January, Alpha Co. and Charlie Co. were able to determine their strengths and weaknesses and create specific objectives for their firing crews. All 14 Alpha Co. crews fired two daylight offensive engagements and two daylight defensive engagements. A selected six Charlie Co. crews fired six daytime engagements and four nighttime engagements.

These objectives were key to preparing the soldiers of Alpha Co. and Charlie Co. not only for upcoming

qualification in September but also future missions, explained 1st Sgt. Peter Smith, Alpha Co. first sergeant.

"You always need to maintain," said Sgt. Omarr Hardaway, Company A squad leader and Bradley Fighting Vehicle commander. "I don't want to come up short. If I come up short, then [my crew is] going to come up short."

In addition to providing sustainment training, the gunnery also afforded soldiers the opportunity to develop teamwork between crewmembers, some of which have minimal hands-on experience with the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

"We're getting soldiers that have never been on the Bradley," Smith said. "The teamwork comes into affect because we have Bradley-experienced guys showing them the ropes."

"I'm new in this job," said Staff Sgt. Timothy Jackson, Alpha Co. squad leader and Bradley com-

mander, "and each and every time I come out here I learn something new. [My crew is] teaching me, and I'm also teaching them."

It's important that we "get the new gunners some trigger time with some live rounds," said Staff Sgt. Michael Brosch, Charlie Co. master gunner. "Once they get out here and get their hands on the weapons system, they get the feel for live rounds going down range. Nothing beats getting bullets down range."

Going to the range is not just great training, it is great fun as well. There is just something about, in Smith's words, "putting steel on target."

"We don't get enough chances to fire the 25 mm gun, and the guys have a lot of fun," stated Staff Sgt. John Reed, Alpha Co. master gunner. "It builds morale when they get to fire."

"It's fun, getting to shoot rounds," said Spc. Tyler Colly, Alpha Co. Bradley Fighting Vehicle gunner. "It boosts a little bit of confidence. You know you know your job."

Alpha Co. and Charlie Co. soldiers were able to take advantage of a unique training opportunity with the Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

"These are old Bradleys, M2A2 Bradleys," Smith said. "The ones we have back at home station are Operation Desert Storm Bradleys. They have laser range finders on them. With these Bradleys you have to manually use the range select knob to gauge



A soldier of Alpha Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, moving his Bradley fighting vehicle into a firing stall on Falcon 4 at the Gunnery June 24, 2003. Photo by Spc. Christina E. Witten.



Above: Soldiers of Charlie Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, waiting their turn to fire down range with their Bradley Fighting Vehicle at the gunnery on Falcon 4 June 25. Photo by Spc. Christina E. Witten.

e Aim on Falcon 4

the ranges. This is an additional task that comes in handy. A lot of soldiers are not used to that, so it's a learning experience that will only make them better."

The range also provided a unique training opportunity in the form of realism.

"The training is more realistic," said Jackson. "There are actually villages around, so there are range limitations."

"We can pretty much set up any scenario that we want for the gunners to shoot," Brosch said. "Back in Grafenwoehr, we're restricted a little bit."

Along with the training opportunities, Smith recognized the peacekeeping mission Alpha Co. and Charlie Co. carry out daily in Kosovo.

"We still have a mission down here," Smith stated, "and that is our main focus."



Above: Spc. Cory B. Lloyd, commander's gunner for Charlie Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, confirms the sighting of his driver during bore sight procedures. The procedure allows the gunner to know that his sight and the bore of his cannon are aiming at the same point when he pulls the trigger. Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson.



A soldier of Charlie Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, maneuvering his Bradley Fighting Vehicle at the gunnery on Falcon 4.

Bradley Fighters Take Aim at Night

Story by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson

As the rhythmic booms of 25 mm "Bushmaster" cannons atop Bradley Fighting Vehicles shattered the night's silence the distinct perfume of expended gun-powder filled the air.

Rough men, those defenders of freedom that comprise Charlie Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, sent inert high explosive and armor piercing training rounds whaling into truck and armored personnel carrier targets and engaged both rocket propelled grenade team and troop targets with 7.62 mm coaxial machine gun rounds.

Spc. Craig Kunkel, a prior service Marine truck driver turned Army Infantryman said, "It's amazing! I think, look how much power I have behind my little finger."

With the gunner's pre-fire checks completed, each Bradley rumbled to the rear of its "battle position" where it made contact with the tower.

The gunner scanned his sector for the targets using his thermal sight while the Bradley Commander helped in the search and readied himself to give fire commands. The driver, with the Bradley in low gear, prepared to move forward in the battle position.

When the targets were seen, the BC gave the fire command, which is not as easy as it may sound. The fire command given depends on the targets presented. Each target must be identified correctly through the haze of red and black that is the thermal night sight. Then, a distance to the target must be given in meters, when appropriate, so the gunner can index the correct range on his sight to increase accuracy.

The gunner confirmed the identification of the target by saying "Identified." This cleared the way for the command of "driver, up" to be given by the BC. The command prompted the driver to move up a minimum one-vehicle's length and stop while the gunner maintained a site picture on the target.

Upon the halt of the clambering vehicle, the BC is clear to give the ultimate command of "Fire" to which the gunner must reply, "On the way."

Add to all these moving parts a crew that has little time together on the range and the cover of darkness making not only target acquisition but also immediate action more difficult, and one has a good idea of how difficult this task can become.

Yet, with all these handicaps, the iron men of Charlie Company minimized the challenges they faced



Above: An M2A2 Bradley Fighting crew, with hatches "buttoned up," scans their sector of fire during the night phase of a mini gunnery June 25 at Falcon 4. The tow missile system is up as in this picture only during defensive engagements at Bradley Gunneries. Photo by Pfc. Anaidy G. Claudio.

Below: Charlie Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, Bradley Fighting Vehicle sends rounds down range on Range Falcon 4 June 26. Photo by Sgt. Andre Reynolds.



in the darkness.

Pfc. Dillon Chin, a driver for Charlie Co. said, "I've never driven with the night vision, [but] I have my gunner and my BC watching out at all times, so it's really not hard at all."

Once all the engagements were shot, each crew headed to a tent where a "Bradley Crew Evaluator" from Alpha Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, conducted an after action review and revealed their score.

Cpl. Joshua Franqui, BCE, said, "We are looking at fire commands from the commander, proper identifications, sensing rounds, correct ammunition [use], engagement techniques, exposure time, and driver techniques."

Training Promotes Multi-National Unity

Story and Photo by
Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson

CAMP MONTEITH, Kosovo - The soccer field on Camp Monteith became a landing zone for UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters fitted with medical equipment as part of a joint training exercise June 24.

The Medical Evacuation exercise allowed combat medics from Task Force 2-2 Infantry to train with Spanish soldiers from Task Force Tizona, who have called Camp Monteith home since April 15.

"It's especially interesting for us to be working in conjunction with Americans, or French, or English, or whatever, but especially with American people because (they are) so friendly," said Lt. Fernando Blas/Garcia of Task Force Tizona's medical team.

Blas/Garcia said the people of the U.S. Army surprised him and his soldiers. He no longer has any misconceptions about American soldiers and their training, and added they had a positive impression to take back to Spain about working with Americans.

"This is the importance of being together in conjunction missions, because we can meet each other and get to know each other," said Blas/Garcia.

Other positive effects of training with U.S. soldiers that Blas/Garcia highlighted included the availability of equipment and realism in training.

American soldiers echoed the positive sentiment of the Spanish.

"I think the training was great. Having the Spanish with us is even better," said Spc. Mony C. Lopez, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-2 Infantry. Lopez, who had worked with the Spanish inside Multi-National Brigade (East) before, added they were great soldiers. The training helps everyone maintain a safe and secure environment in Kosovo.

The medical mission, in support of the troops of Task Force Falcon, not only adds to the morale of the soldiers involved by giving them a sense of medical safety and comfort but also allows for the medical evacuation of civilians should something happen in MNB (E).



Spanish and American soldiers carry a simulated casualty away from a Blackhawk configured to carry up to 6 wounded soldiers or civilians during medevac training June 24.

Training, such as the joint medevac mission, allows the forces of KFOR to seamlessly integrate with one another and allows each member nation of KFOR to share ideas and procedures.

Pfc. Christopher Rodriguez, also a medic with HHC, 2-2 Infantry, said, "We don't get to see what (the Spanish) do all the time. So, it was good for them to see what we do and for us to make sure they can do it. They learned pretty fast. It's pretty good to see the other countries do what we do all the time, and they do it with ease."

Both of the medics said they would like to work with other countries more to gain an even greater experi-

ence. Lopez suggested a large scale evacuation training exercise involving as many of the countries represented in KFOR as possible, as being a feasible means of including realistic training while bringing the nations together.

Training such as this helps to foster esprit de corps. The soldiers who participate in such missions may not realize it, yet they are showing the citizens of Kosovo one key in maintaining their own safe and secure environment.

The people of Kosovo must be able to work together in order to continue the ongoing transfer of authority to Kosovo's civilian agencies.

Bondsteel Celebrates the 4th with a “BANG”



Above: Fireworks explode over the southern edge of Camp Bondsteel during the Independence Day Celebration July 4.



Above: Lt. Col. Kevin Jackson, deputy commander of Area Support Group, braces himself for a splash in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation dunk tank at the Independence Day Celebration on Camp Bondsteel July 4.

Right: Soldiers at Camp Bondsteel take off from the south Morale, Welfare and Recreation center in an Independence Day 5K run July 4.

Story and Photos by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

Camp Bondsteel was a flurry of activity on America's Independence Day weekend when Task Force Falcon's Area Support Group and Bondsteel's Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored celebrity visits, "Commander's Cup" sports day activities, and a fireworks display.

The celebrities from the "Freedom Tour" group, including professional baseball player Scott Erickson, actress Gena Lee Nolin, sports broadcaster Lisa Guerrero, and reality television personality Evan Marriott, met troops and signed autographs at the dining facilities July 3.

Independence Day started with a 5K race and Iron Man Competition. Various Multi-National Brigade (East) units, including American, Greek and Polish-Ukrainian Battalion soldiers, participated in volleyball, soccer and softball tournaments throughout the day, as well as bench-press and tug-of-war competitions. Soldiers from other multi-national brigade sectors were also present to enjoy the fun and games.

The MWR helped cool off the very hot holiday with water guns and a dunk tank where soldiers could send their officers and senior non-commissioned officers for a splash.

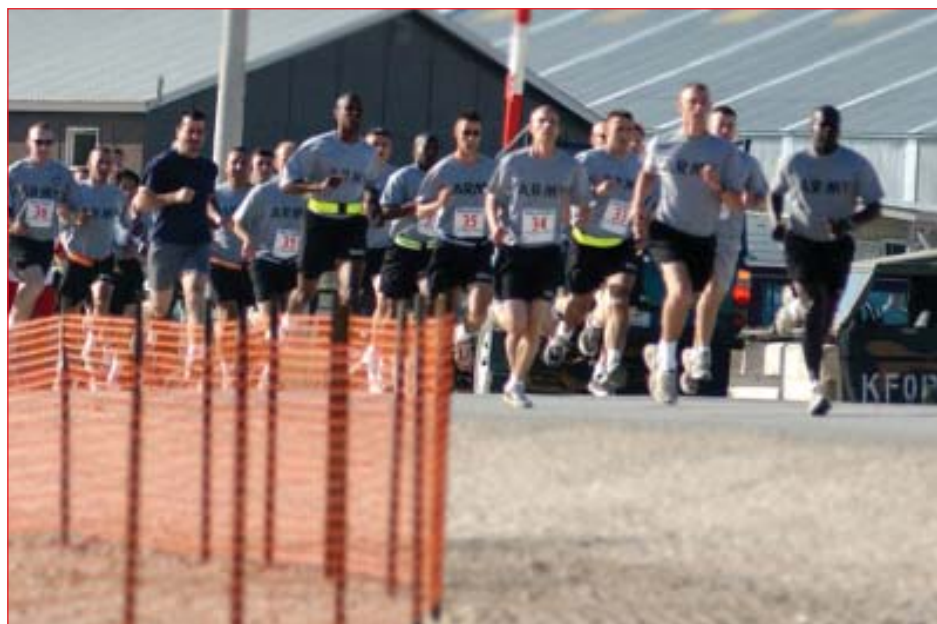
The evening culminated with the presentation of the Commander's Cup



The sun beat down on MNB(E) soldiers during the Independence Day Celebration on Camp Bondsteel July 4.

trophy by a contingent of the Washington Redskins cheerleading squad. The cup was presented to the team that earned the most points in competitions throughout the day. The cheerleaders then performed for the troops and signed autographs.

Finally, the day ended with a "BANG" as soldiers settled in for a colorful fireworks display over the southern edge of the camp.



Americans and Polish-Ukrainian Battalion soldiers participate in a sports day soccer game, part of the Independence Day Celebration July 4. Photos by Staff Sgt. Ken Petzold.



Running on the Road Less Traveled

Story and Photo by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

When Staff Sgt. Sean Fitzwilliam was just 14 years old, he ran his first race in basketball shoes. He wasn't planning to be a runner, but thought it was a good way to get in shape for the upcoming soccer season.

Fitzwilliam, whose family had just moved to Miami, Fla. from the West Indies, didn't even know how many laps to run in his one-mile race. After he completed each lap, he'd yell to his coach, "How am I doing?" The coach would tell him to keep going because he was doing fine. On the last lap, the coach told him to kick it in and finish strong. That mile -- Fitz's first mile -- he ran in 4:31.

"I was a soccer player, that's all I wanted to do," Fitzwilliam said. "So when I started running, I sort of just came out of nowhere."

Coming out of nowhere had its benefits for Fitzwilliam, Task Force Falcon's chaplain's assistant, because he didn't start out with any predetermined ideas of what a runner was. He said he was able to enjoy running just for the fun of it.

"I didn't get caught up in titles -- just like Forrest Gump, I just ran," Fitzwilliam joked. "But (other athletes) made fun of me. I went on to win every race, so I did silence them after a while, but I still needed to learn a lot about the sport."

Being "thrown into" running the way he was and winning every race he ran, caused Fitzwilliam to put a lot of pressure on himself and became a perfectionist -- a trait that haunted him for years to come.

At his first state meet, he placed 16th, which was a much lower rank than he had expected.

"People said, 'Oh, great job!' but I knew it wasn't great," Fitzwilliam said. "I knew what I was capable of doing, and if I couldn't do (that), I didn't want to do it at all."

Perfectionism also affected his training strategies. Fitzwilliam said he took on the attitude of "if a little is good, more is better."



Staff Sgt. Sean Fitzwilliam runs a circuit workout on the Camp Bondsteel track.

After placing third in a nationals competition, someone planted a seed in his mind about making the Olympic team. Fitzwilliam said he began to think he needed to prove to himself he could make it, but too many hard workouts led to an injury that, at the time, spoiled his dream of becoming an Olympic runner.

"People would say, 'Well, you did your best,'" Fitzwilliam explained. "And I would hate it when they said that because I didn't even come close to doing my best."

Another injury caused him to put aside distance running for a while but ended up expanding his running career. Even though he had never trained in short distances before, he stunned his coach and team by beating a 400-meter specialist at a

college time-trial. Afterward, he discovered he had done it with a hairline fracture in his leg.

"Later, I realized this is all from the Lord, not from me," Fitzwilliam said. "I knew the Lord had given me this ability."

It was late in his college career when Fitzwilliam had a chance meeting with another student who led him to believe in Christ. This conversion surprised him because he had previously believed Christians were just people who couldn't handle their own issues.

"I always used to say that people who were really religious were really just weak," he explained. "But then I found myself being one of these people!"

Fitzwilliam said his "new life" affected his attitude toward himself, others and his sport.

"It took all this for me to realize that there was a lot more to running than just running," Fitzwilliam clarified. "It was a lot bigger than just me. It was beyond me. God had given me the ability to run as fast as I was able to."

Fitzwilliam said he also learned it was okay to sometimes not perform at his best.

"God was still working through me," he explained. "I was a work in progress. I still am."

Fitzwilliam said he's still competitive and he's still a competitor, but his life experiences have given him the perspective to handle it all.

"I won't be consumed about making the Olympic team," Fitzwilliam said. "I *can* just run for fun now. But more importantly," he added, "I'll spend time with these guys," pointing to a photograph of his four children. "Because they're worth more than any number of gold medals I could ever win. The legacy I leave with them and (my wife) is my purpose."

"Running was what (God) gave me (as) encouragement to go on, right when I needed it most," Fitzwilliam concluded, smiling. "He used running to get me down the road to where I am in life now. And that's good, because this is where I should be."

Peace Keeping “Scout Style”

Story and Photo by 1st Sgt. Rob Heberling

KLOKOT, Kosovo — A team of soldiers from Scout Platoon, 2-63 Armor Battalion, silently made their way through the mass of people. Walking slowly in a relaxed manner, but with vigilance and sharp eyes, they surveyed the crowd looking for anything out of the ordinary.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Harris, section sergeant of Scout Platoon, led the patrol.

“Our job here tonight is showing a presence and looking out for suspicious vehicles and people,” Harris said. He explained how, in case of an incident, the patrol would control the situation and turn any suspects over to local authorities such as the Kosovo Police Service or the U.N. Mission in Kosovo Police.

The scouts have a variety of missions including setting up vehicle checkpoints, doing cordon and searches, patrolling, and serving as the battalion’s Quick Reaction Force.

“As Scouts, our job differs from everybody else,” Harris added.

“Instead of covering one sector, we cover all sectors. We can be called to anywhere at any time.”

“The patrols can get interesting,” said Pfc. Mathew Stroup, team member.

This night was no exception. Despite this being a routine patrol, the town was having a St. Peter’s Day festival. The usually quiet town was packed with hundreds of people there for the celebration. Many had come from as far away as Vrbovac.

The town was alive with the sound of traditional folk music and the aroma of food roasting over open fires. People danced in the street, rode carnival rides, and played games while others were dressed in costumes and Halloween style masks.

Everywhere the patrol went it was greeted with friendly smiles and handshakes. Stroup commented about the people being happy about the presence of the soldiers.

“Everyone we talk to gives us



Pfc. John Flynn makes a couple of new friends during peace-keeping in the town of Klokot July 12.

positive feedback about us being here,” Stroup said. “The best part of a patrol like this is the kids are always happy to see us.”

After nightfall the streets became more crowded. Young and old alike were out enjoying the festivities.

The team had set up a base of operations on a main street where they could observe the crowd. At random intervals foot patrols walked through the streets but at times the crowd was so thick the soldiers could barely squeeze through. That didn’t

hamper the festive atmosphere and friendly moods of the revelers.

The patrols continued throughout the night until the streets were deserted and quiet. The team did one last walk through, checking down dark alleys and main streets.

After determining all was secure, the patrol ended. The Scout Platoon did a quick review of the night’s activities and headed back to Camp Bondsteel. Another mission successfully completed; the streets of Kosovo safe and secure.

Got Fun?

Story by Spc. Christina E. Witten

Photos by 1st Lt. Deidre E. Peterman

Do you feel restricted within the barbed-wire fences and guard towers of Camp Bondsteel or Camp Monteith? Are you like the majority, just itching for a little taste of freedom on the outside? Fellow soldiers, salvation lingers in the midst of the forthcoming. Let freedom ring through the Kosovo air because buses will soon be moving out on a four-day, fun-filled excursion, thanks to the Fighter Management Pass Program.

The FMPP was designed to "afford soldiers in a hostile fire environment time to get away from the rigors of the mission and take a break," said Lt. Col. Kevin Jackson, Area Support Group Falcon Deputy Commander and the chair of the FMPP working group.

The FMPP working group members; Jackson; 1st Lt. Deidre E. Peterman, Area Support Group Assistant Force



The Hotel Rodina lobby includes a helpful hotel staff, cash exchange, lounge area, and bar for the convenience of their customers.

Protection Program Manager; Chief Warrant Officer David Labranch, 170th CID agent; 1st Sgt. Raymond A. Vandzura, 29th Military Police Company, Bondsteel Detention Facility first sergeant; Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Yacovone, Joint Contracting Center Contracting Officer; Lavon Washburn, MWR Chief; and Debra Edwards, Plans Officer of Personnel and Community Operations; established the group in early June during an assessment because they "felt that it was time to raise the bar and increase the quality of life experience for the soldiers," Jackson said.

"I get to take my experience down there and look at what I saw, and be a part of changing the experience so [the soldiers] can get the most out of it," Peterman stated. "I am very excited. We're off to a running start," Peterman added.

Taking a month-long breather for remodeling, the FMPP is scheduled to showcase its improvements August 8 with a trip to Bulgaria's capitol city, Sofia. Some upgrades in the FMPP will display themselves days before the boarding of the bus.

"You will see greater sharing of information," Jackson stated. "We would like to start giving briefings in the DFACs, maybe once every couple weeks. We could have a sign up list for the optional tours. That will help our soldiers plan their activities. In the event that family members come to Sofia, we're negotiating rates for air fair, tours, day trips, etc. It's going to be a better value and savings for our soldiers," Jackson continued.

Those who have participated in past FMPP trips, can attest to the adequate hotel accommodations, reasonably-priced shopping opportunities, energetic night life, and friendly people in Sofia. However, very few soldiers can tell you about \$10 front-row Bulgarian opera seats, the four-level Bulgarian history museum full of ancient artifacts, located in the previous residence of the president of the communist party, or the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Jackson also mentioned the cathedrals, the old communist party headquarters, and a traditional Bulgarian four-course dinner and a reenacted Bulgarian wedding.

Unfortunately, in the past, few people even knew such experiences could be had in Sofia. Most soldiers arrived at Hotel Rodina in Sofia knowing only the name of the club their roommate back at camp recommended to them, Jackson noted.



Rila Monastery was founded in the 10th century by the Bulgarian monk St. John of Rila and was rebuilt in the 13th -14th century. From that time are the fortress tower (1334), the bishop's throne, richly carved doors and some manuscripts,

icon-paintings and church plates. In the 15th century, when Bulgaria fell to the Ottoman Turks, the monastery was abandoned for a short time but in the second half of the same century it was restored to a new life. Later it was plundered and ravaged several times. Its thorough renovation began in the early 19th century. It was then that the residential wings and the church of the Holy Virgin were raised (1834-1837). The Rila Monastery has been listed as a world monument of culture. In it there is a well-appointed museum. Information and photo provided by Bulgaria.com.

"We can provide greater opportunities for our soldiers to see and do things, so they can have a greater quality of life experience," Jackson explained. "There are several day trips I think will be just wonderful. We're in the process of negotiating to where, for 30 or 40 euros, there will be a day trip with transportation, lunch and entrance into the Rila Monastery, going through the mountains. By expanding the options of things to do, we will significantly enhance the experience." Jackson continued.

One of the most impressive additions to the FMPP are the possible skiing trips this winter to the Pirin Mountains, approximately 75 miles from Sofia.

"We are pursuing a winter skiing experience," explained Jackson.

"During the cold winter months, we would depart here like we normally do, go to Sofia and have an evening in the city. The next day we would depart from the Hotel Rodina to the ski resort, ski all day, have a nice dinner and spend the night. There's even a disco or two up there. You're in a European alpine climate. There are medicinal springs. There are several different places to eat dinner. The next morning you would get up and ski again and then return to the Hotel Rodina for the final night, so you would have a one night and two-day skiing experience, and it's very reasonable. We're looking at 30 or 40 euros for a night's lodging and skiing. The equipment they have there is top flight Rossignol equipment, which is a very prominent French company," Jackson added.

"We could see that it's a legiti-



The National Opera and Ballet of Sofia taking a bow at the end of a performance.

mate ski area," Jackson said, "with chair lifts and beginners areas, etc., and the price seems to be right, so the only thing we have to do is look at force protection considerations and secure reliable transportation. Once we do those things, we think that this is a very strong option for this winter," Jackson concluded.

An extremely helpful addition to the FMPP is a brochure full of information that could be beneficial while in Sofia.

"We want to provide every soldier with a several page brochure that has everything from a map of where the hotel is in relation to all the other landmarks, what taxis are reputable, the emergency number to the TOC in the hotel, where they can exchange money, the hazards of credit card use, common phrases, and maybe what's available. Something

somebody can put in their pocket or purse and have it at all times really will help," Jackson said.

The FMPP working group is also planning some improvements at the Hotel Rodina.

"We're looking into getting some new recreational things for the soldiers, renovating the rooms, small things that we're working on that would improve the overall quality of life," Edwards explained. "For instance, TVs and VCRs for soldiers who decide they want to stay in for the evening, getting some books, setting up tours for them, recommending restaurants, recommending some good places they'll enjoy," he added.

Bringing back the religious FMPP to Greece is also a possibility.

"We're staffing that right now," Jackson said. "We're looking at the force protection issues and the coordination issues with the embassy. I have gotten a lot of input, a lot of support, lots of emails from people saying 'hey, we'd love to see that start back up,' but that one's still in the working stage" Jackson added.

"I'm hoping [the new FMPP changes] will attract more soldiers," Edwards stated, "but more than just attracting more soldiers, we're hoping that the soldiers that do go on FMPP enjoy it more than before."

"I encourage all soldiers to take advantage of this program," Peterman said. "If they have any thoughts or suggestions they should let us know, and we'll do our best to incorporate it into the program."



At the Pectopant restaurant, enjoy a four-course meal while experiencing Bulgarian music, dancing and tradition.

News Around the Globe

Liberia

Washington Times, July 17, 2003

By Nicholas Kralev

The Bush administration has drafted a U.N. resolution that authorizes deployment of a multinational force to Liberia and prepares the ground for U.S. participation, administration officials said yesterday.

The draft resolution, initially prepared by the State Department, was held up for several days because the Pentagon wanted to ensure that American peacekeepers would have immunity from the new International Criminal Court (ICC).

Differences over the specific language were resolved by yesterday morning, one senior administration official said.

"This is the kind of resolution we think we need for an American participation" in a Liberia force, said another senior official.

The text, which the United States would introduce in the U.N. Security Council if and when President Bush decides on sending American troops to the African nation, was prepared as part of the administration's contingency planning, the second official said.

"It won't be finalized and circulated in the council until the president has made a decision," he said.

The first official said the United States "will be there in some capacity, but as the president indicated, any force will be limited in scope, not 20,000" troops.

A third administration official said the current version of the paragraph about immunity from the ICC — which Washington opposes — provides that Americans accused of crimes in Liberia could be tried only by U.S. courts.

The Security Council "decides that current or former officials or personnel from a contributing state shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the contributing state for any criminal proceedings, including arrests and investigations, arising out of acts or omissions related to the multinational force or U.N. stabilization force in Liberia, unless such exclusive jurisdiction has been waived by the contributing state," the new text says.

National Guard Call Up

Wall Street Journal, July 17, 2003

By Greg Jaffe

WASHINGTON — The burden of peacekeeping missions in Iraq and Afghanistan is expected to force the Pentagon to start calling up as many as 10,000 National Guard soldiers as soon as this winter for duty in Iraq, straining the force of part-time soldiers who have been mobilized repeatedly since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The refusal of U.S. allies to send large contingents of their own has helped drive the Pentagon to consider the move. This week India, which Washington had been counting on to contribute as many as 15,000 troops to Iraq, said it couldn't participate without United Nations authorization. Even allies who supported the war have failed to follow through with major commitments. Hungary pledged a truck company for Iraq. But, defense officials later learned the Hungarians were willing to send 133 drivers, but no trucks or mechanics.

Calling up two 5,000-soldier National Guard brigades also could have important political implications for President Bush, especially going into an election year. Public support for the Iraq mission has been declining in recent weeks as casualties there have mounted. The Pentagon's failure to persuade other countries to share the Iraq burden could also cast doubts on Mr. Bush's decision to go to war without U.N. backing.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is expected to sign off on a plan later this week that would establish a rotation to relieve Marine and U.S. Army soldiers deployed in Iraq, a Pentagon official said. After training, it would be March or April by the time National Guard soldiers would be deployed, likely for stints of 13 to 16 months including the training. Even so, demands on the active-duty Army would remain intense. Asked if he had ever seen the Army stretched so thin, one senior defense official recently said: "Not in my 31 years" of military service.

Iraq Deployment

Bloomberg.com, July 16, 2003

By Tony Capaccio

The U.S. Army is seeking permission from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to deploy its first brigade of General Dynamics Corp.'s Stryker wheeled armored vehicles to Iraq by November, according to a defense official.

Rumsfeld may approve the Stryker deployment as early as this weekend as one of the options for replacing long-serving units in Iraq, including the 3rd

Infantry Division, which arrived in the region late last year.

Deployment of a 293-vehicle Stryker Brigade — the Army's newest weapon system — would be the highest-profile action in any rotation order signed by Rumsfeld, who is under pressure to return the division to the U.S. amid concerns that U.S. troops may be stretched too thin around the world.

Twenty-six of the Army's 33 active duty combat brigades are deployed worldwide or training with Strykers as part of the service's effort to transform into a swifter, more lethal force.

Soldier on the Street

What has been your favorite MWR event?



Horacio Ramos

Rank: Staff Sgt.
Unit: HHC, 2-63
Armor
Job: Liason Officer
Hometown: South
Padre Island, Texas
Quote: "Power
lifting competition."



Benjamin Cardenas

Rank: Pfc.
Unit: Charlie Co.,
2-2 Inf.
Job: Infantryman
Hometown: San
Diego, Calif.
Quote: "My favorite
activity in the MWR
is the phones. The
phones in the MWR
help me and other
soldiers keep in
touch with family
and friends."



Wiley Norden

Rank: 2nd Lt.
Unit: 1st MP Co.
Job: Platoon Leader
Hometown: River
Falls, Wis.
Quote: "The best
MWR function that I
attended was Drew
Carey on Thanks-
giving Day. It was
great to see him
sacrifice his time
during the holi-
days."



Ryan Stoker

Rank: Pfc.
Unit: Alpha Co.,
2-63 Armor
Job: Tank crewman
Hometown: Boca
Raton, Fla.
Quote: "Drew
Carey."



Eric Griffin

Rank: Sgt.
Unit: 2-2 Inf.
Unit: Liason Officer
Hometown: Selma,
Ala.
Quote:
"Independence Day
celebration."



Ryan S. Diel

Rank: Spc.
Unit: HHC, 2-2 Inf.
Job: Automations
Technician
Hometown: St.
Louis, Mo.
Quote: "My favorite
MWR activity would
have to be
Microsoft X-Box
Halo tournaments.
Blue team Go!"



Scenes of Kosovo

Hard workers from two generations transport the fruits of their labor along Route Stag on a Kosovo Harley. Photo by Sgt. Heidi Schaap.